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In re Application of: CHARLES E. BOWERS

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For: YARN WITH HEAT-ACTIVATED BINDER MATERIAL & PROCESS OF  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 - 1.98**

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, applicant(s) hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO-1449 form which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of these documents cited of record in application Serial Number 08/792,819 (pending), which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/516,506 (abandoned), which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/067,413 (abandoned), which is a continuation of Serial No. 07/436,962 (abandoned) which is a continuation of Serial No. 06/934,389 (abandoned) of which priority is claimed under 35 USC 120, are not being provided. However, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if an additional copy of any of these references is needed. Copies of US Patents 4,495,758 and 5,478,624 are enclosed.

The present Invention Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and therefore, no certification under 37 CFR §1.97(e) or fee under 37 CFR §1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

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USP 4,496,758

USP 5,478,624

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